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SUBJECT:

Berlin Overflights

PARTICIPANTS:

The Secretary

Sir Harold Caccia, British Ambassador

Lord Hood, British Minister

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In a conversation on other subjects, Ambassador Caccia referred to the problem which might arise with respect to British public opinion in the event that there were additional high-level flights to Berlin by the U.S. Air Force. The British Government would like to receive advance word regarding such flights in order to be in a position to mitigate this adverse public reaction. The Secretary replied that he had only mentioned casually to Foreign Secretary Lloyd, during the latter's visit here for the NATO meeting, his impression that there were to have been no more high-level overflights. There had nevertheless been a second overflight but it was his understanding that there would be no more for the present. We recognize the British problem in this connection and would see to it that advance notice was given to the U.K. regarding any future flights of this nature.

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